Action against the Chairman of Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd.

1221. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. has made a technical collaboration agreement with Dupont, USA a multinational company for the manufacture of X-ray films and Graphic Art Film and has paid over Rs. 80 crore as know-how fees in foreign exchange to the said company;

(b) whether Government have received any complaints in regard to this transaction;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard what action Government have taken against the management and Chairman of HPF; and

(d) the basis on which Government have approved continued import of Polyester base film from the same multinational company i.e. Dupont, USA?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) M/s. Hindustan Photo Films Ltd. (HPF) has entered into a technical collaboration agreement with M/s. Du Pont, USA, for manufacture of polyester based medical x-ray, industrial x-ray and graphic arts films. The lumpeum know-how fee payable to M/s. Du Pont is US$ 46.45 million (net of taxes).

(b) and (c) Complaints regarding quality, cost of technology etc. had been received which were not based on a proper appreciation of facts.

(d) HPF is currently importing jumbo rolls of polyester based films from M/s. Du Pont, USA as part of its market seeding operations to familiarise the Indian market with the quality of films that will be produced by HPF from October 1991 onwards.

U.S. Aerospace trade mission visit to India

1222. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHEN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that an Aero space trade Mission to U.S. headed by the Assistant Secretary for Aerospace in U.S. Department of Commerce visited India recently, and

(b) if so, what was the object of the mission and what was the outcome of its talks in India?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) A Trade Mission headed by the U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aerospace, visited India recently. The objective of the mission was to explore possibilites of trade with India. The visit provided a useful forum for interaction between the two countries.

India's Economic strategies for Nineties

1223. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while inaugurating a National Conference on 'India's Economic strategies for Nineties' on April 18, 1990, he called upon the industry in India to shun protectionism;

(b) if so, what were the main observations and suggestions made at the Conference; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main observations and suggestions made at the Conference were as follows:—

In a fast changing world, India can no longer afford to be inward looking keeping in view globalisation of economic activity. The need for competition and competitiveness was emphasised for the Indian industry. It was felt that the key to development lies in adaptability and a strong plea was made for elimination of barriers an regulations. It was also felt that the major issues to be tackled an resolved are the efficient management of the economy, the infrastructure, the public utilities and the public sector. In order to build up the use of natural resources for economic growth of the country, it was suggested that we need to have access to investment by the private sector and even by foreign enterprises.

(c) The Government has already announced the Import Export Policy which provides new measures for boosting exports, which will help in making Indian industry more competitive. Medium term economic policies of the Government are prepared in the context of planning. The Eighth Five Year Plan is under preparation.

सवाई माधोपुर में सीमेंट कारखाने के बन्द हो जाने से कर्मकारों का बेरोजगार हो जाना

1224. डा० अबरार अहमद खान : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सवाई माधोपुर में सीमेंट कारखाने के बन्द हो जाने से कितने कर्मकार बेरोजगार हो गये हैं और

(ख) विगत पांच वर्षों के दौरान इस कारखाने से करों द्वारा केन्द्रीय और राज्य सरकार ने राजस्व की कितनी धन राशि अर्जित की है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री अजीत सिंह): (क) मैसर्स जयपुर उद्योग लि. जिसका सवाई माधोपुर एक सीमेंट का कारखाना है में लगभग 3500 कामकार हैं।

(ख) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार 1984–85 से 1988–89 के दौरान इस कारखाने से वसूल किये गये केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क के ब्यौरे नीचे दिये गये हैं:—

वर्ष	राजस्व (रुपये लाख में)
1984–85	1236
1985–86	1264
1986–87	1141
1987–88	158
1988–89	88

Payment of Non-practising allowance to the doctors of Ayurveda and Siddha Systems of Medicine

1225. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the revised rate of non-practising allowance as recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission is not being sanctioned to the doctors belonging to the Ayurveda and Siddha systems of medicine of the Central Council of Research in Ayurveda and Siddha while the same is being given to Docotors in CHS, MCD, NDMC and Health Ministry; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) Doctors of Indian Syetems of Medicine working in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare including Directorate General of Health